

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

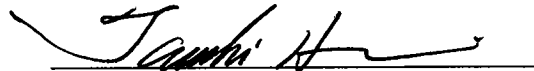
Claims 29-38 are pending of which claims 29 and 33 are independent claims. No amendment has been made to the claims in this response.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

Claims 29-30, 32, 34-35 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wiegand (DRAFT ISO?IEC 14496-10: 2002(E)). Claims 33 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiegand (DRAFT ISO?IEC 14496-10: 2002(E)). Claims 31 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiegand in view of Walsh et al (US Patent No. 5,952,943). Thus, the Wiegand reference is the main reference in the Office Action. Also, the earliest effective date noted in the Wiegand reference is March 2003. Therefore, the Wiegand reference is a 102(a) reference, as the present application was filed on September 29, 2003.

The present application claims priority to JP2002-291610 and JP 2003-190634. JP 2002-291610 was the start application filed in Japan on October 3, 2002. JP 2003-190634 was filed in Japan on July 2, 2003 with a claim of priority to JP2002-291610. Applicants already filed a translation of a certified copy of JP2002-291610 on March 14, 2008 to perfect the priority based on the application. As the translation shows, JP2002-291610 fully discloses the substance of the subject matter claimed in the present application. Thus, the Wiegand reference does not qualify as prior art against the present application. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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